

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 10/18/2022

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Phil Weiss, Stirling Edwards, Emily Gamage, Russ Hamm & Molly Selders

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz, Julie Eggleston, Sharon Larson, & Denita Rouse

Media and others: 25

1. 6:00 p.m. –President Weiss declared the meeting open.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Gamage moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Selders seconded the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).
3. **Consideration of and action on the minutes and, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Selders moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Commissioner Edwards joined the meeting at 6:02

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the consolidated fund and each of the general fund accounts. Hamm also informed the board that the District received the 4th property tax distribution in the way of \$370,023.49 on September 29th bring the total tax distribution received to approximately 90% for the year. Hamm also informed the Commissioners the District received a IPRF Safety Grant of \$673 on September 29th. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The monthly financial statements were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Presentation of the Marjorie Conner Spirit Award** - President Weiss welcomed Julie Eggleston to give the presentation. Eggleston informed the board that this sought-after award began in 2002 and shared the history of how this award, in memory of Marjorie Conner, came to be. Eggleston announced that the 2022 Marjorie Conner Spirit Award went to Mr. RJ Jorgenson. Mr. Jorgenson was presented with a plaque and a Marjorie Award jacket. Mr. Jorgenson’s name will also be engraved on a plaque with previous award winners kept in the MCSRA office.

** 6:10 President Weiss took the meeting to a five-minute recess for pictures*

**6:15 President Weiss reopened the meeting*

6. **Conduct a Public Hearing for the issuance of General Obligation Limited Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, for the payment of outstanding obligations of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto** – President Weiss explained the purpose of the public hearing as an opportunity for community members to share their opinions on how the District is utilizing the bond funding. At 6:17, President Weiss declared the public hearing open. Weiss noted that no one was in attendance for public hearing. Commissioner Hamm moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The public hearing closed at 6:17 on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

7. **President's report** – President Weiss shared that he and Director Lenz attended the IAPD's Best of the Best Gala on October 14th as the Macomb Park District received recognition for the 75th anniversary. Weiss also shared that there are three seats up for the April 2023 election; Molly Selders, Stirling Edwards, and his seat. Weiss stated if anyone is interested in running for the Park District board election packets can be picked up from the Board Secretary at the Park District main office.
8. **Director Report** – Director Lenz also thank IAPD for the recognition of the Park District's anniversary and mentioned MPD would likely be returning in the future. Lenz had the opportunity to meet Governor Pritzker and thank him for his continued support of the OSLAD grant funding. Lenz said the Governor seemed very excited about the developments that would be happening at Patton. Lenz also shared that their own Rok Locksley had been featured in a Western Illinois University article for his work with the Macomb Park District. Lenz congratulated Sir Locksley on his accomplishments and this well deserved recognition.

Next Lenz shared photos and accolades for Superintendent of Events, Kara Sahagian's work with the new Touch a Truck event. Based on the count received by the WIU evaluation class, over 1,000 people attended this event. Thanks to Arnold Brothers for sponsoring the Monster Truck inflatable as well. Lenz also shared information about upcoming programs and events to close out the fall season.

Lenz closed out her report sharing the District will be putting out a request for proposal for a new Vendor out at Veterans Park for Softball and Baseball concessions. Interested parties should contact her at the Macomb Park District main office for more information.

9. **Discussion and possible action on Resolution 22-3: Mission, Vision, and Values** – President Weiss read the resolution into the minutes:

WHEREAS, The Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners believe organizational success is established through well-defined principles of management that are approved and modeled by leadership, resonate with staff, and are valued by the community; and

WHEREAS, these doctrines manifest themselves on a daily basis through the selfless service of elected officials, staff, and volunteers who leverage the principles to plan, organize, and manage the effective use of the citizen's resources; and

WHEREAS, the Macomb Park District has hosted a variety of community engagements as part of its Strategic Plan development process to guide current and future aspirational direction does; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has examined and discussed community and staff recommendations to modify our current mission statement and adopt a new vision and core values through the Strategic Plan process;

NOW THEREFORE BE THE FOLLOWING RESOLVED by the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners, meeting in the monthly session this 18th day of October in the year 2022, that the attached Guiding Principles of Mission, Vision, and Core Values are hereby adopted.

Mission: Enriching lives through open space, education, and recreation opportunities.

Vision: Building Memories through Play & Discovery

Values: Holistic Wellness
Opportunities Creating Inclusivity

Preserving & Building our Legacy
Environmental Stewardship

Commissioner Selders moved to approve Resolution 22-3. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The motion passed on a role call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays).

10. **Distribution and discussion of Executive Director's Annual Review Packet** – Director Lenz emailed (in advance of the meeting) the packet to commissioners for review. Lenz went through the goals outlined in the packet with details of what steps have been taken towards accomplishing these goals. Weiss encouraged the Commissioners to further review the details of the document before the November meeting where official action would be taken.
11. **Discussion and possible action on naming an official delegate for the IAPD Business Meeting** – Weiss stated that Commissioner Gamage was first in line to attend the annual conference in Chicago. Gamage appreciated the opportunity but declined. Weiss said next in line would then be Commissioner Selders. Selders also declined. As Russ attended last year, Commissioner Weiss would be next in line. Commissioner Gamage voted to name Commissioner Weiss as the official delegate and Commissioner Edwards as the alternate. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays.)
12. **Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items** – None

6:49 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Edwards, second by Gamage. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District